

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 HONG K 09273 060931Z

11
ACTION ORM-02

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 EA-07 IO-13 ISO-00 DHA-02 VO-03 SCA-01

INSE-00 /041 W
----- 029229

P 060841Z AUG 76
FM AMCONSUL HONG KONG
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1541
INFO USMISSION GENEVA PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY BANGKOK
AMEMBASSY TOKYO
AMEMBASSY TAIPEI
AMEMBASSY RANGOON
AMEMBASSY JAKARTA
AMEMBASSY MANILA
AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR
AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

C O N F I D E N T I A L HONG KONG 9273

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SREF
SUBJ: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES: BOAT CASES MV

REF: HONG KONG 9136 AND PREVIOUS

1. SAMPATKUMAR, UNHCR REP, CALLED ON ME TODAY TO INFORM US THAT HE HAD ACCEPTED, IN BEHALF OF UNHCR, RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MAINTENANCE IN HONG KONG OF THE 19 REFUGEES WHO ARRIVED YESTERDAY ABOARD THE PANAMANIAN MV MEI ABETO. THIS GROUP WILL BE LANDED AND QUARTERED IN THE SINGAPORE HOTEL WITH THE REFUGEES FROM THE MV AVA.

2. SAMPATKUMAR ALSO SAID THAT HE HAS CALLED UPON SEVERAL OF THE OTHER CONSULAR REPRESENTATIVES HERE, AND THAT THOSE FROM COUNTRIES OF TRADITIONAL IMMIGRATION WERE REASONABLY FORTHCOMING IN THEIR ATTITUDES AND PROMISED TO PASS ON TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS HIS REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN RESETTLEMENT OF THESE REFUGEES.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 HONG K 09273 060931Z

HOWEVER, SAMPATKUMAR WAS NOT VERY OPTIMISTIC ANYTHING WOULD COME

OF THIS.

3. OUR TACTICS IN PROCESSING THE REFUGEES WILL BE AIMED AT SHOWING STEADY MOVEMENT BY THE CONGEN BUT NOT SO RAPID AS TO GIVE OTHER CONSULATES THE IMPRESSION THAT WE CAN AND WILL TAKE ALL OF THEM. THUS WE HOPE TO ENCOURAGE OTHER NATIONS AND THE REFUGEES THEMSELVES TO THINK OF RESETTLEMENT ELSEWHERE THAN IN THE UNITED STATES.

4. FIRST WE WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THE LUU GIAU FAMILY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THIS FAMILY AWAITS ONLY SPONSORSHIP AND WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF A SEPARATE CABLE.

5. NEXT, WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S ACTIVE ASSISTANCE WE HOPE TO MOVE THOSE OTHER PERSONS OR FAMILIES THAT HAVE BEEN FOUND ELIGIBLE UNDER THE EPP. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WE MUST HAVE VERIFICATIONS OF RELATIONSHIPS AND SPONSORSHIPS FROM THE DEPT AS SOON POSSIBLE.

6. IN THE MEANTIME THE REQUISITE PRE-PROCESSING OF REFUGEES FOR THE CONDITIONAL ENTRY PROGRAM (P-7) IS UNDERWAY AND IT WILL BE DETERMINED IN LINE WITH TACTICS PARA 3 ABOVE WHEN ANY PERSONS ELIGIBLE UNDER THIS PROGRAM WILL BE GIVEN THEIR FINAL INTERVIEWS AND MOVED TO THE US.
CROSS

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT, MARINE TRANSPORTATION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 06 AUG 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: morefirh
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976HONGK09273
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760303-0536
From: HONG KONG
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760877/aaaacpkw.tel
Line Count: 85
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION ORM
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 HONG KONG 9136
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: morefirh
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 06 JAN 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <06 JAN 2004 by morefirh>; APPROVED <06 Jan 2004 by morefirh>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES: BOAT CASES MV
TAGS: SREF, XC
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006